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Session Orientation Guide



Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)
Geospatial Information (Cartographic) Section, Department of Field Support (DFS)
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WELCOME

- The **UN-GGIM Secretariat** welcomes you to New York, the United Nations and the **Fifth Session of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management**.
- This series of slides is intended to introduce delegates and observers who are attending the **United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) Session** for the first time, to the formal procedures of the Committee of Experts. It is hoped that it will assist you to make the week one that is very productive and rewarding.



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The United Nations System

UN Principal Organs

- General Assembly
- Security Council
- Economic and Social Council
- Secretariat
- International Court of Justice
- Trusteeship Council⁶

Subsidiary Bodies
Main and other sessional committees
Disarmament Commission
Human Rights Council
International Law Commission
Standing committees and ad hoc bodies

Funds and Programmes¹

- UNCTAD** United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
 - **ITC** International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO)
- UNDP** United Nations Development Programme
 - **UNCDF** United Nations Capital Development Fund
 - **UNV** United Nations Volunteers
- UNEP** United Nations Environment Programme
- UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund

- UN-HABITAT** United Nations Human Settlements Programme
- UNHCR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- UNICEF** United Nations Children's Fund
- UNODC** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- UNRWA²** United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
- UN-Women** United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
- WFP** World Food Programme

- UNITAR** United Nations Institute for Training and Research
 - UNRISD** United Nations Research Institute for Social Development
 - UNSSC** United Nations System Staff College
 - UNU** United Nations University
- Other Entities**
- UNAIDS** Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
 - UNISDR** United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction
 - UNOPS** United Nations Office for Project Services

Subsidiary Bodies
Counter-terrorism committees
International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR)
International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)

Military Staff Committee
Peacekeeping operations and political missions
Sanctions committees (ad hoc)
Standing committees and ad hoc bodies

Advisory Subsidiary Body
Peacebuilding Commission

Related Organizations

- CTBTO Preparatory Commission** Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization
- IAEA^{1,3}** International Atomic Energy Agency
- OPCW** Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
- WTO^{1,4}** World Trade Organization

Functional Commissions
Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
Narcotic Drugs
Population and Development
Science and Technology for Development
Social Development
Statistics
Status of Women
Sustainable Development
United Nations Forum on Forests

Regional Commissions
ECA Economic Commission for Africa
ECE Economic Commission for Europe
ECLAC Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
ESCAP Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
ESCWA Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

Other Bodies
Committee for Development Policy
Committee of Experts on Public Administration
Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
Other sessional and standing committees and expert, ad hoc and related bodies

Specialized Agencies^{1,5}
FAO Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization
IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development
ILO International Labour Organization
IMF International Monetary Fund
IMO International Maritime Organization
ITU International Telecommunication Union
UNESCO United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization

UNWTO World Tourism Organization
UPU Universal Postal Union
WHO World Health Organization
WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization
WMO World Meteorological Organization
World Bank Group
• **IBRD** International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
• **ICSID** International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes
• **IDA** International Development Association
• **IFC** International Finance Corporation
• **MIGA** Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency

Departments and Offices
EOSG Executive Office of the Secretary-General
DESA Department of Economic and Social Affairs
DfS Department of Field Support
DGACM Department for General Assembly and Conference Management
DM Department of Management

DPA Department of Political Affairs
DPI Department of Public Information
DPKO Department of Peacekeeping Operations
DSS Department of Safety and Security
OCHA Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

OIOS Office of Internal Oversight Services
OLA Office of Legal Affairs
OSAA Office of the Special Adviser on Africa
SRS/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict
SRS/SG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict

UNODA Office for Disarmament Affairs
UNOG United Nations Office at Geneva
UN-OHRLS Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States
UNON United Nations Office at Nairobi
UNOV United Nations Office at Vienna

Notes:

- The United Nations, its Funds and Programmes, the Specialized Agencies, IAEA and WTO are all members of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB).
 - UNRWA and UNIDR report only to the General Assembly (GA).
 - IAEA reports to the Security Council and the GA.
 - WTO has no reporting obligation to the GA, but contributes on an ad hoc basis to GA and Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) work on, inter alia, finance and development issues.
 - Specialized Agencies are autonomous organizations whose work is coordinated through ECOSOC (inter-governmental level) and CEB (inter-secretariat level).
 - The Trusteeship Council suspended operation on 1 November 1994, as on 1 October 1994 Palau, the last United Nations Trust Territory, became independent.
- This is not an official document of the United Nations, nor is it intended to be all inclusive.

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The United Nations

Six principal organs:

1. General Assembly
2. Security Council
3. Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
 - Principal organ to coordinate economic , social and related work of the UN
 - 54 Member States
 - The Committee of Experts on GGIM reports to the ECOSOC
4. Secretariat
 - Carries out the day to day work of the UN
5. International Court of Justice
6. Trusteeship Council
 - Suspended operation on 1st November 1994



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The UN Statistics Division (UNSD)

1. Is the Secretariat for the :
 - Statistical Commission
 - The UN Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management
 - UN Regional Cartographic Conferences (Asia-Pacific, Americas)
 - The UN Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN)
 - UN Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information
2. Coordinates statistical, global geospatial information management and geographical place names activities of the UN system.
3. Promotes official statistics, geospatial information management and toponymic practices
4. Harmonizes statistical, geospatial and geographical place names standards
5. Undertakes, statistical, geospatial information management and toponymic capacity building
6. Compiles statistics and country and cities names (with population over 10K) at the global level.
7. Compiles geospatial information management best practices



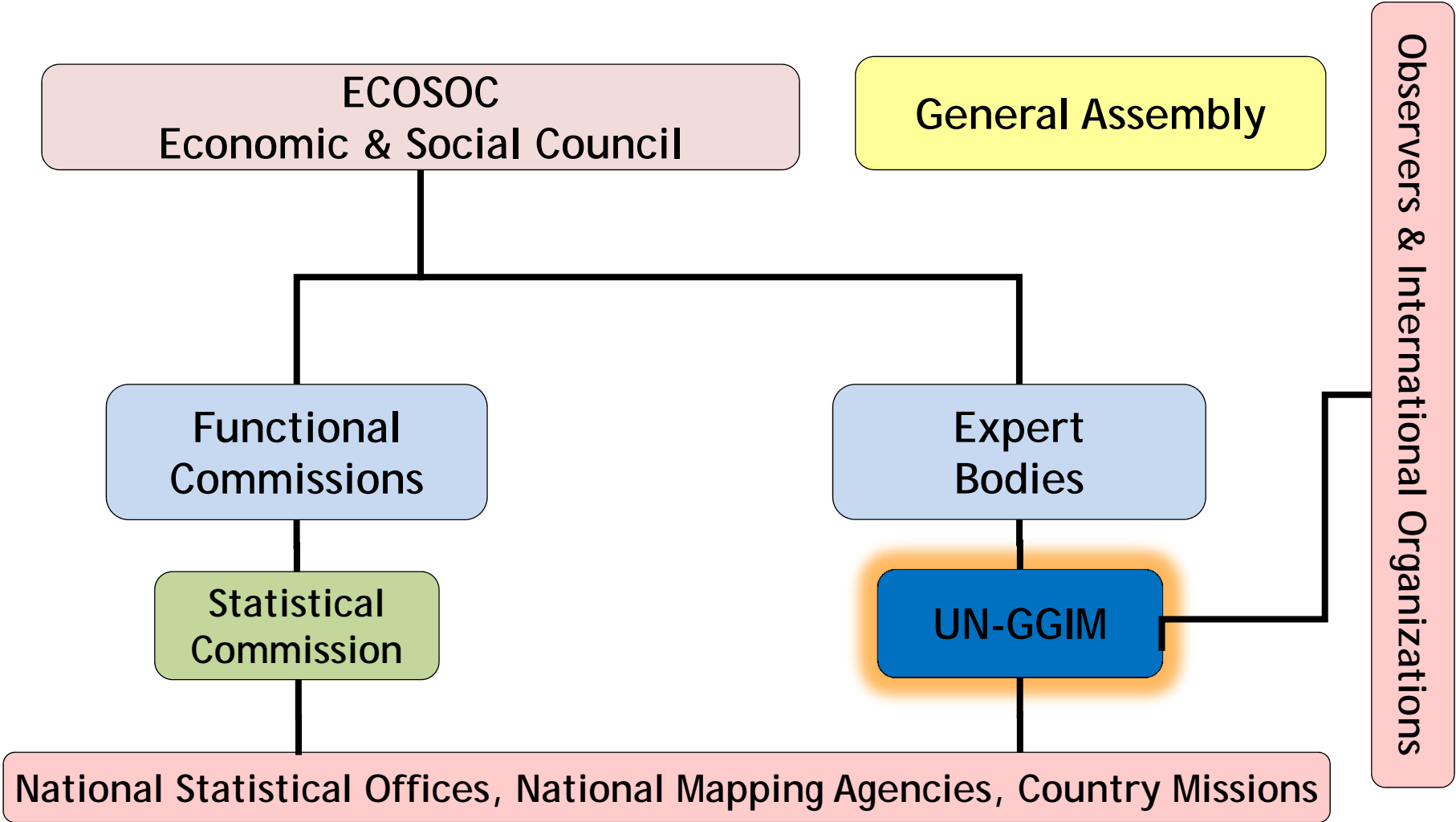
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UN-GGIM: An Inter-Governmental Body



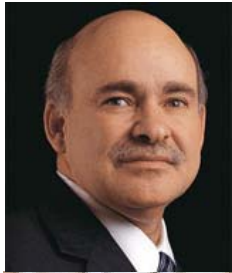
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The UN-GGIM Bureau



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Eduardo Sojo Garza-Aldape
INEGI- Mexico



Co-Chair

Vanessa Lawrence
United Kingdom



CO-Chair

Li Pengde
NASG- China



Rapporteur

Sultan Mohammed Alya
Ethiopia

The UN Committee of Experts elects three co-Chairs and a Rapporteur at the commencement of each session, from among its Member State delegations.

Responsibilities:

1. Directing and controlling discussions at all plenary meetings and session of the Committee
2. Directing and monitoring the work of the Committee during intercessional periods



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OVERVIEW OF UN-GGIM

Formal inter-governmental UN Committee of Experts to:

- Discuss, enhance and coordinate GGIM activities by involving Member States at the highest level.
- Reports directly to ECOSOC
- Make joint decisions and set directions on the use of geospatial information
- Work with Governments to improve policy, institutional arrangements, and legal frameworks
- Address global issues and contribute collective knowledge as a community with shared interests and concerns
- Develop effective strategies to build geospatial capacity in developing countries



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UN-GGIM: its role

To make accurate, reliable and authoritative geospatial information readily available to support national, regional and global development



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Regional Committees

UN-GGIM-Asia-Pacifi
(2012)

UN-GGIM: Americas
(2013)

UN-GGIM: Europe
(2014)

UN-GGIM: Arab States
(2014)

UN-GGIM: Africa
(2015)

Bureau

China (Chair)
Rep. of Korea
Japan

Mexico (Chair)
Chile
Mexico

Sweden (Chair)
Netherlands
Spain

Saudi Arabia (Chair)
Algeria
Jordan

Ethiopia (Chair)
South Africa
Burkina Faso
Tunisia

Working Groups

WG 1
Geodetic Reference Frame for SD

WG1
Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information

WG 1
Core Data

WG1
Institutional Arrangements, Legal and Policy Issues; Awareness and Capacity Building

WG 1
African Geodetic Reference Frame

WG 2
Data Sharing & Integration for Disaster Management

WG 2
Access & Use of GI in Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change

WG 2
Data Integration

WG 2
Fundamental Data and Geo-Standards

WG 2
Fundamental Datasets

WG 3
Place-Based Information for Economic Growth

WG 3
Promotion and Assessment of SDI

WG 3
Geodetic Reference Frame

WG 3
Institutional Arrangements and Legal Frameworks

WG 4
Standards and Technical Specifications

WG 4
Integration of Geospatial & Statistical Information

WG 4
Capacity and Capability Development

WG 5
Regional Coordination and Cooperation





UN-GGIM Secretariat

- **UN Statistics Division/DESA**
- **United Nations Geospatial Information (Cartographic) Section /DFS:**

Provides geographic information support to the full range of United Nations operations. This includes Providing accurate and timely geographic information in support of the decision-making and operational needs of:

 - The Security Council
 - UN Secretariat
 - UN Peace Operations
 - UN Humanitarian Operations



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Other United Nations Bodies

- **UNGEGN (United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names)** — provides technical recommendations on standardizing geographical names at the national and international levels, also falls under UN Statistics Division.



- **UNOOSA (United Nations Office of Outer Space Affairs)** — responsible for promoting international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space. Also runs UN-SPIDER (United Nations Platform for Space-based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response).



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Other United Nations GI Bodies

- **UNGIWG (United Nations Geographic Information Working Group)** — a voluntary network of UN professionals working in the fields of cartography and geographic information science.



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Collaboration & Partnerships



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RULES OF PROCEDURE

<http://ggim.un.org/docs/meetings/3rd%20UNCE/E-C20-2013-2-Rules%20of%20procedure.pdf>

MEMBERSHIP AND COMPOSITION

- The Committee of Experts comprises experts from all Member States. Each Member State is represented by a head of delegation and such other accredited or alternate representatives, experts and advisers as may be required. The head of delegation is the full member of the Committee with voting rights; other accredited or alternate representatives, experts and advisers may participate, without the right to vote, in the discussions. **(Rules 2,3)**

OFFICERS

- The Committee shall elect co-Chairs and a Rapporteur during each session from among its members, and will constitute the Bureau of the Committee. The co-Chairs shall act as President. **(Rules 7,9)**
- The Executive Secretary of the Session is appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations. **(Rule 8)**



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RULES OF PROCEDURE

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- In the course of discussions, the Chair may announce the list of speakers and, with the consent of the Session, declare the list, order of interventions, and when it is closed. No one may address the Session without having previously obtained the permission of the Chair. Debate shall be confined to the questions and issues before the Session. **(Rules 17,19,20,21)**
- The Session may limit the time allowed to speakers and the number of items the representative of each Member State may speak. The Chair may limit interventions on procedural questions to five minutes, will call a speaker to order if they exceed the allotted time.
- Proposals and amendments shall normally be introduced in writing and submitted to the Secretariat of the Session, who shall circulate copies to the delegations. In general, no proposal shall be discussed or put to the vote unless copies of it have been circulated to all delegations not later than the day preceding the meeting. **(Rule 22)**
- A proposal, amendment or motion may be withdrawn by its sponsor at any time before voting on it has commenced, provided that it has not been amended. **(Rule 23)**



RULES OF PROCEDURE

VOTING

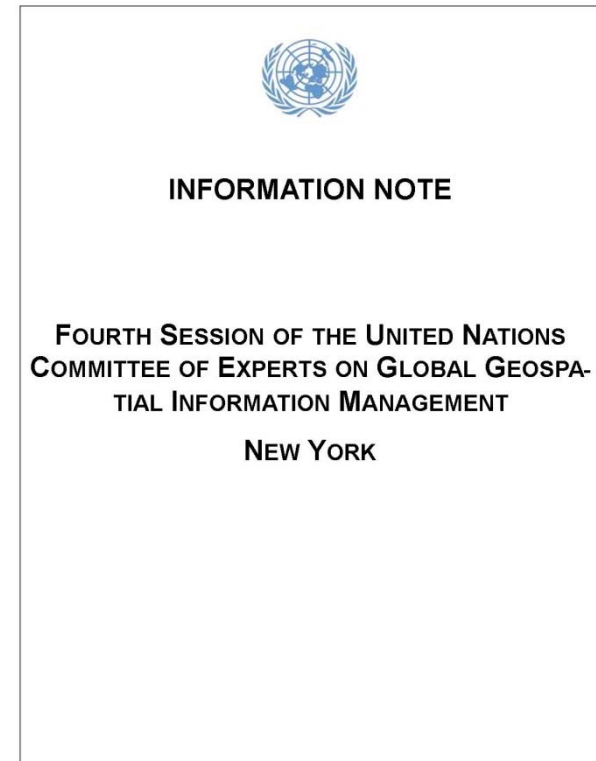
- Representatives of a majority of the Member States participating in the Session constitute a quorum. **(Rule 13)**
- Each Member State participating in the Session shall have one vote, and the decisions shall be made by a majority of the representatives present and voting. “Representatives present and voting” means casting an affirmative or negative vote. Those who abstain from voting shall be considered not voting. After the President has announced commencement of voting, no representative shall interrupt the vote. **(Rules 25,26,28)**
- All elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless otherwise decided by the Session. **(Rule 32)**
- If a vote is equally divided, a second vote shall be taken after and adjournment of the meeting for 15 minutes. If this vote is also equally divided, the proposal shall be regarded as rejected. **(Rule 34)**



THE NEW YORK RESOURCE GUIDE

The information helps to prepare you **for** your trip to and during your stay in New York. It covers:

1. Meeting arrangements
2. Identification Badges and Grounds Passes
3. Secretariat Contact Information
4. Working Languages of the meeting
5. General Information
 - Immigration requirements
 - Money
 - Hotels – Address and Telephone Numbers
 - Guide to Neighborhood Restaurants
 - Airports
 - Transportation – Airport and local
 - Postal Services
 - Time and Weather



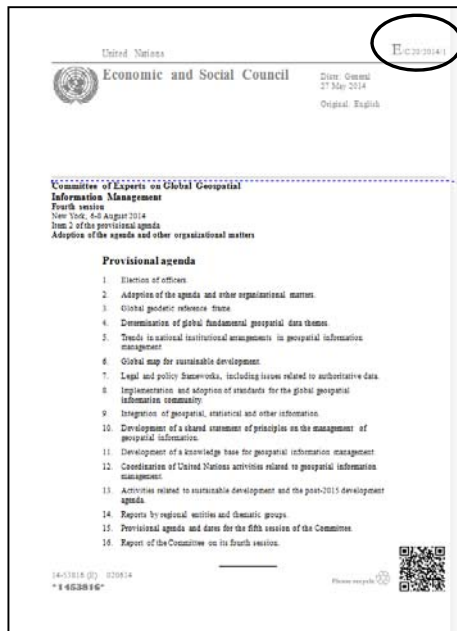
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MEETING DOCUMENTS



Provisional Agenda

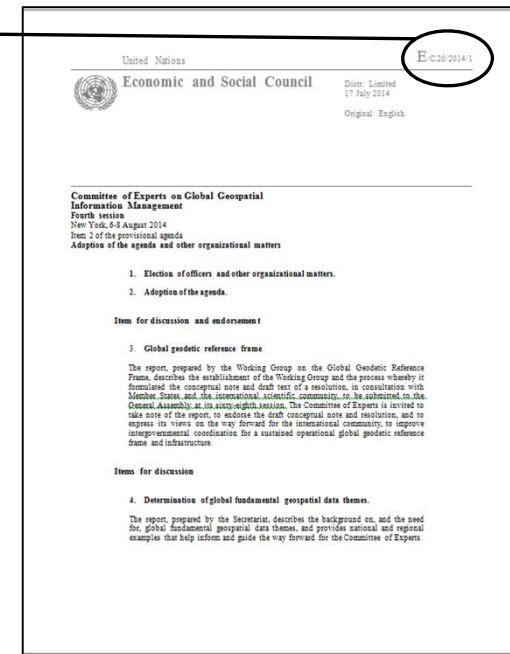
List of all items to be addressed during the session per item number

Symbol
e.g. E/C.20/2014/1

Daytime	Agenda item and description	Proposed time to be given to each item (minutes)
Wednesday 4 August Morning (10:30-13:00)	Item 1 Election of officers and other organizational matters <i>For discussion and endorsement</i> Rules of procedure (E/C.20/2014/2)	80
	Item 2 Adoption of the agenda <i>For discussion</i> Provisional agenda and annotations (E/C.20/2014/1) Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the work of the session (E/C.20/2014/L.1)	
	Item 3 Global geospatial reference frame <i>For discussion and endorsement</i> Report of the Working Group on the Global Geospatial Reference Frame, Working Group on the global geospatial reference frame (E/C.20/2014/F.A.2.1)	70
Thursday 5 August Afternoon (15:00-18:00)	Item 13 Activities related to sustainable development and the post-2015 development agenda <i>For discussion</i> Report of the Secretariat on activities related to sustainable development and the post-2015 development agenda (E/C.20/2014/L.13.A.2.1)	60
	Item 6 Global map for sustainable development	60

Organization of work

Detailed daily list of items, per meeting, for discussion, endorsement or information



Annotated Agenda

Similar to provisional agenda but with brief summary explaining each item.



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DOCUMENT SYMBOLS

UN-GGIM documents carry the following symbol: **E/C20/2015/xx**

.../xx regular substantive document

.../INF informational documents originating from the Secretariat.
e.g. **E/C.20/2014/INF/2** List of Participants

.../CRP conference room paper.
e.g. **E/C.20/2015/CRP.1** Note by the Secretariat on its programme of work for the biennium 2013-2014

.../L limited distribution used for drafts (i.e. draft resolutions, draft report).
E/C.20/2013/L.1 Organisation of Work

An informal paper does not carry a symbol.



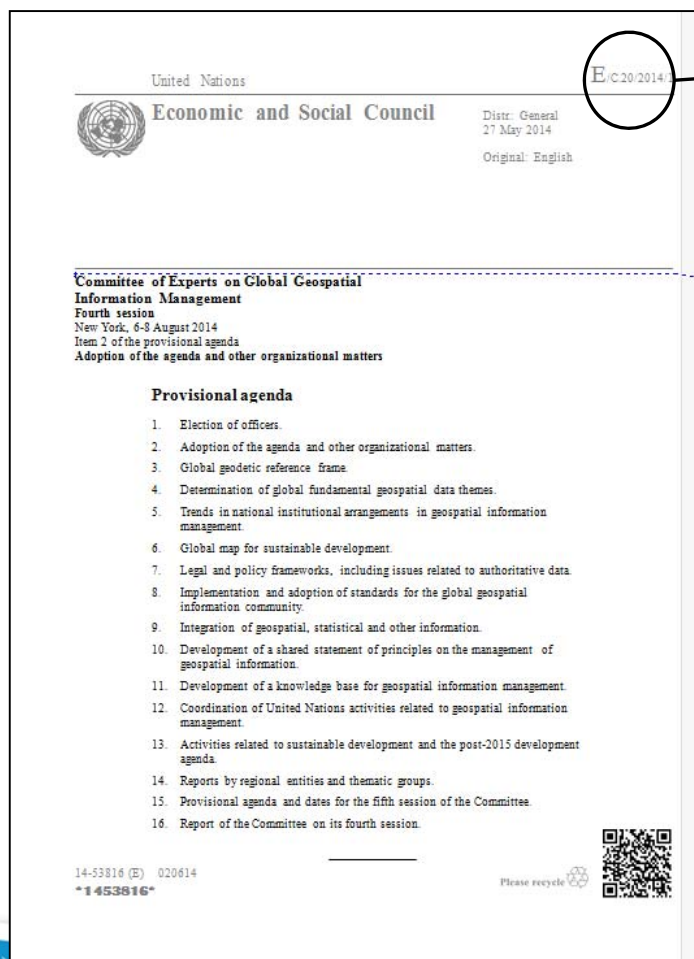
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MEETING DOCUMENTS



Symbol
e.g. **E/C.20/2014/1**

E/C.20/2014/1

E	ECOSOC
/C.20	Committee Number, assigned to GGIM
/2014	Current year
/1	Document number



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Provisional Agenda, Annotated Agenda and Organization of Work

- **Reference to the Provisional Agenda**
http://ggim.un.org/docs/meetings/GGIM5/E_C.20_2015_1_Provisional%20agenda.pdf
- **Reference to the Annotated Agenda** <http://ggim.un.org/docs/meetings/GGIM4/E-C20-2014-1%20Provisional%20Annotated%20agenda%20Edited.pdf>
- **Reference to the Organization of work** http://ggim.un.org/docs/meetings/GGIM4/E-C-20-2014-L1_Organization%20of%20work%20Edited%20.pdf
- **Dates and Times of the Session of the Committee of Experts:**
 - Wednesday 5 August: 10:30 - 13:00, 15:00 – 18:00
(note 10:30 start time – to facilitate pass collection)
 - Thursday 6 August: 10:00 - 13:00, 15:00 – 18:00
 - Friday 7 August: 10:00 - 13:00, 15:00 – 18:00



...Organization of Work

- **Organization of the work of the sessions:**

- **16 items:**

- 2 administrative items,
 - 1 item for endorsement and discussion,
 - **12 items for discussion,**
 - 1 item for information

- **Interpretation:**

- Formal sessions
 - Provided in the 6 UN Official languages



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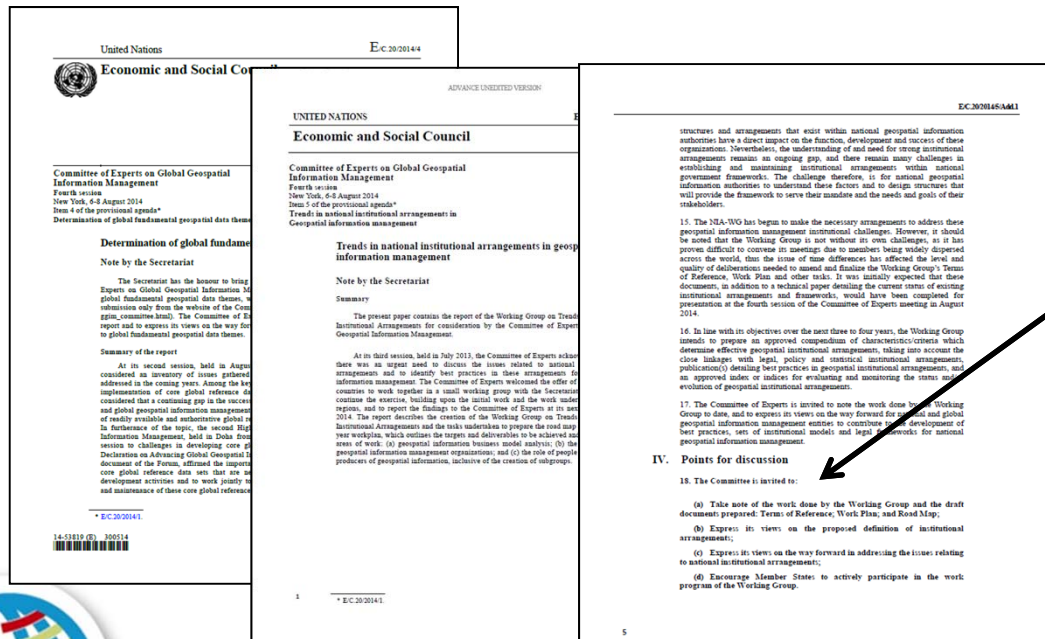
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REPORTS AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Reports and Background Papers are prepared by the Secretariat and working groups. They are available under the heading **MEETING DOUCMENTS** at http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html. Each document as listed, has a document number/symbol, a title and a summary. All Summaries for are available in the six languages used in the United Nations. Reports and background documents are only available in English.



Participants are encouraged to read all documents and note the **Points for Discussion** found in the last section of the reports.



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SIDE EVENTS

- It is important that you monitor the **Table of Side Events** as it is the schedule of formal and informal events occurring during the session – **learning centers, workshops, regional meetings and working group meetings.**
- Identify the ones you wish to attend and note the times and venues, they may change.
- No interpretation provided for the side events-**Informal sessions**
- The Schedule is available at:

http://ggim.un.org/docs/meetings/GGIM5/GGIM5%20Overview%20table%202015_28%20May%202015.pdf



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DRAFT: 28 May 2015

5th Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) - 3-7 August 2015
As of 28 May 2015

TIME	Sun., 2 Aug.	Mon., 3 Aug.	Tue., 4 Aug.	Wed., 5 Aug.	Thurs., 6 Aug.	Fri., 7 Aug.		
8:00								
9:00								
10:00								
11:00	UN-GGIM Americas Standards Workshop 8:30-6:00pm (closed) DC2-1684	UN-GGIM Americas Standards Workshop 8:30-6:00pm (closed) DC2-1684	UN-GGIM WG Geodesy Information Session 10:00-11:45 (open) CR 2	UN-GGIM Americas Side Event 08:30-10:00 (closed) CR B	UN-GGIM AP RCC-AP prep mtg 08:30-10:00 (closed) CR D	UN-GGIM Americas Caribbean Project 08:30-9:45 (closed) CR B	UN-GGIM EG ISGI Meeting 08:30-9:45 (closed) CR D	UN-GGIM Devt. Account 08:30-9:45 (closed) CR B
12:00								
13:00								
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19:00								



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YOUR ROLE in the 5th Session



1. Participants are encouraged to:

- Prepare for the sessions by reading the reports and background documents and preparing discussion points
- Actively contribute to the session
- Share your experiences, ideas and solutions
- Be short and concise in your interventions
- **Tweet at #UNGGIM**

1. Why it is important to actively participate:

- Ideal forum for networking
- Recharge technically and reconnect with experts
- Let your country's achievements and requirements be known
- Contribute to advancing the GGIM agenda



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ABOUT UN-GGIM

UN-GGIM BUREAU

UN-GGIM REGIONAL ENTITIES

UN-GGIM EXPERT AND WORKING GROUPS

UN-GGIM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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NEWS

UN-GGIM-AP Convenes Third Plenary Meeting
(10-12 November, 2014, Bali, Indonesia)

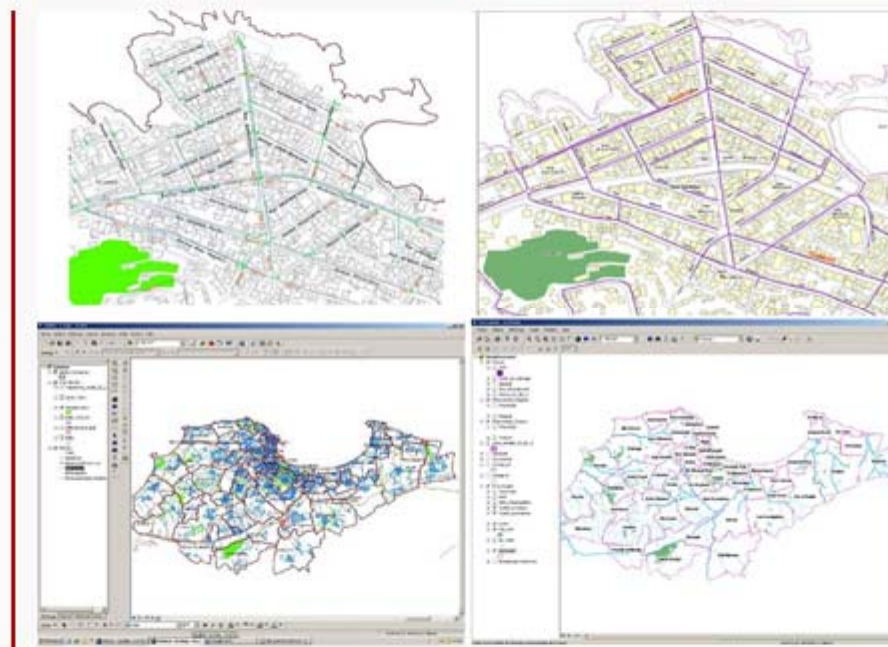
The Third UN-GGIM-AP Plenary Meeting was convened from 10-12, November, in Bali, Indonesia. [Summary](#) | [Resolution](#)

[Archived news](#)

MEDIA & PHOTO COVERAGE

[Photo Gallery...](#)

FEATURED UN-GGIM BEST PRACTICE: ALGERIA USES GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION TO MANAGE ALGIERS WATER SUPPLY



FIFTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT, 3-7 AUGUST 2015, NEW YORK

The Fifth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) will be held from 3-7 August 2015 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. [more...](#)

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GEOSPATIAL INITIATIVES

GGRF
Global Geodetic Reference Frame

UNGEGN
United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

UNRCC
United Nations Regional Cartographic Conferences

UN-GGIM Knowledge Base

Country reports

UN-GGIM RESOURCE DOCUMENTS

Future Trends in Geospatial Information Management: the five to ten year vision



Cafeterias

- Vienna Café (Basement: Same floor as CR-2)
- Small Cafeteria at Secretariat Lobby – near elevators (Ground floor)
- Riverview Cafeteria : 4th Floor. Take the Escalator (better) or Elevators of the Secretariat Lobby



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